

# Palmers Cross News



AUTUMN TERM 2020

Friday 11th December 2020

**PALMERS CROSS**  
Primary School

## *Merry Christmas!*

Thank you all for making me feel welcome on my return to Palmers Cross Primary School. I have really appreciated the positive comments from staff, parents, carers and pupils. It is great to be back! School have been working really hard to make sure that pupils are able to have a variety of Christmas celebrations in school as we try to be as normal as we can. Classes have produced their own Christmas videos for parents and carers to enjoy, our PTA and staff have organised a film afternoon for each class. As well as this, our Christmas online panto and class parties will take place during our last week of the autumn term.

This year has been a difficult one with changes to the way we live and interact with each other in school and at home. Our school community has always been supportive with the safety guidelines we have put in place and adhering to our safety guidelines. I would like to thank you for this support and hope that we can return to some normality in the new year.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you again!

Mr D Nicholls

### Christmas Dinner and jumper day

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day is on **Monday 14th December**. Pupils can come dressed in their Christmas jumpers but will need to wear their school uniform.

If pupils wish to bring in £1.00, money raised will be donated to 'Save the Children' charity. This is a great cause and money raised will be well received this year. Thank you for your support.

### Party Time!

On **Friday 18th December**, classes will be having their class Christmas parties in the afternoon. Pupils can come to school dressed in their own clothes. If pupils bring in a packed lunch then they can do this as normal. If pupils have a school lunch then this will also be provided in the same way. Pupils do not need to bring in party food. School will be providing some party treats for each class.

If you have any questions then please contact school.

Thank you to everyone at Palmers Cross for their hard work and commitment through these difficult times.

Thank you to our parents/ carers and our super pupils.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

From Mr D Brown (Chair of Governors)

### A Christmas Treat

Unfortunately this year our pupils cannot perform their plays in front of an audience, which means parents and carers will miss out on these special performances. Staff and pupils have been working really hard to film a special Christmas performance that can be enjoyed at home. Each class have been rehearsing a Christmas song and have made a special gift for you to enjoy. From Monday 14th December, parents and carers can view Christmas videos from our school website.



### Elston Hall Learning Trust Platform

During the Christmas break, Palmers Cross Primary will be migrating onto our new Trust platform. This is very exciting for all trust schools. Parents and carers will be updated on how to access the new platform in January.

The Trust platform will provide an excellent opportunity for all schools to have a fantastic new site that will provide staff, pupils, parents, carers and governors with a platform to be used in a variety of ways.

**If parents / carers need to contact school to report a covid case over the weekend then please can you send your emails to [enquires@elstonhallmat.co.uk](mailto:enquires@elstonhallmat.co.uk)**

### Key Dates

Friday 18th December 2020—Pupils break up for Christmas holidays (normal times)

Monday 4th January 2021 — INSET - no children in school

Tuesday 5th January 2021 —Children return to school

Friday 12th February 2021—Children break up for half Term

Monday 15th February until Friday 19th February 2021—Half Term

Monday 22nd February 2021—Children return to school.

### School Attendance

Thank you to those families who are helping to support us with our attendance.

Attendance this week was—**95.3%**



### Changes to timings after our Christmas Break

As a school we have been reviewing our arrival and departure timings due to covid restrictions. We have decided to put some changes in place after the Christmas break.

Below is the new timetable which highlights the changes in times.

These changes will begin from **Tuesday 5th January**.

If you have any questions then contact the school office.

**Breakfast and after school club timings will remain the same.**

Year Group	Arrival	Pick up
Nursery	8:45am	3:15pm
Reception	8:30am	3:00pm
Year 1	8:30am	3:00pm
Year 2	8:40am	3:15pm
Year 3	8:30am	3:00pm
Year 4	8:40am	3:15pm
Year 5	8:40am	3:15pm
Year 6	8:30am	3:00pm
Class 7	8:30am	3:00pm

The main gate on our top playground will be locked at **8:50am**.

Pupils that are late will need to come through the main office and will have to be signed in.

Thank you for your continued support with these changes.

